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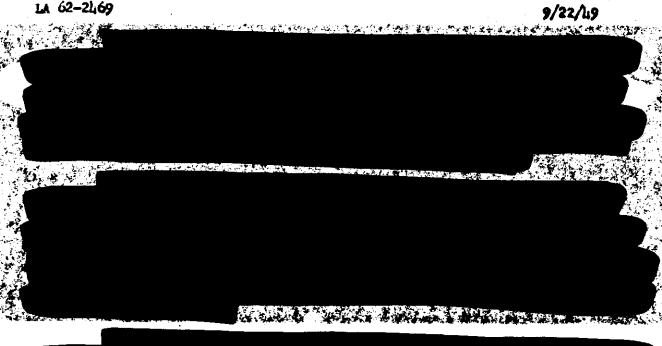
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On January 18, 1950, at approximately 11:00 am oredentials reflecting his position as Special Agent, California Attorney who presented General's Office, requested information as to whether this effice is aware of the whereaboute of subject.

was advised by the writer that we have no information in our files bearing on the present whereabouts of subject.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JAN 20 1950 LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

Importer Saved in \$50,000 Fire at Siegel Home

Millionaire Importer Juan Romero, 46, was carried to safety from a second-story window by firemen yesterday as flames swept through his palatial home at 810 N Linden Drive, Beverly Hills.

The 16-room mansion, scene of the still-unsolved gangland slaying of Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel on June 20, 1947, was severely damaged. Estimates of the loss exceeded \$50,000,

Romero was treated at Bever ly Hills Receiving Hospital, where his condition was report ed not serious. Firemen A. I Velarde and B. L. Hicklin broke through an upper window to rescue the importer.

Firemen Called

Romero's business manage G. F. Wunderlich, who lives it the house, told police he smelle smoke at 6:30 a.m. and four the mattress in the importer bedroom smoldering. He carrie Romero to another room and le for church after pouring w on the mattress.

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OS ANGELES TIMES DATED MAY 15 1950

**TO:** SAC September 21, 1950 FROM: USUR ARRAHAM DAVIDIA HEREIN I On September 13, 1950, whose identity should not be disclosed, advised the writer on interview that shortly after the articles had run in the Los Angeles MIRROR about the race wire service JACK DRAGNA had come to his apartment raving made He stated that DRAGNA had told him that BUCSY SIECEL had never had the racing wire in Lee Angeles and that BUIST had never controlled the Transamerica Wire Service in Les Angeles any place else. DRACMA stated that he himself had controlled francamerica Wire Service and that he had gotten into this business strictly on his com to sell service to local bookmakers. stated that francamerica had shtained all of its service by tapping Transcontinental Mire in Galeage and that while DRAGHA did not admit this he stated that he had closed out Transamerica because he had been unable to make any money here. elained that most simil had been miled by Vincinia mile's brother had formerly been in the Marine Corps and had seen SIRREL strike his ter several weeks before

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Director, FBI

Attm: Assistant Director
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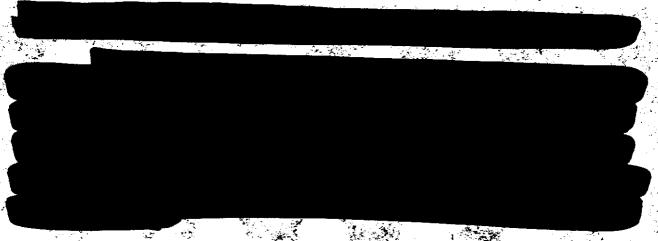


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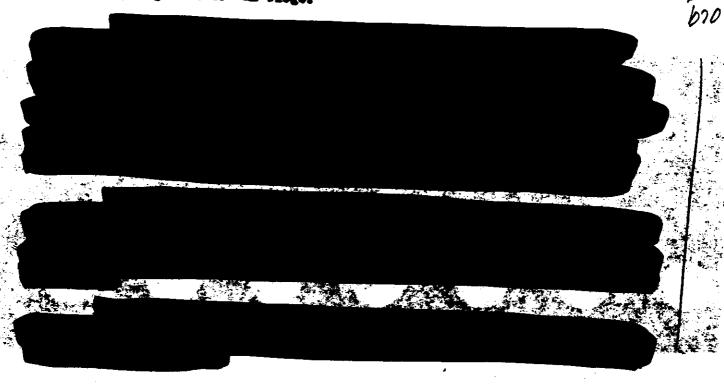
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It was requested, however, that as a cooperative function, the acted to furnish all information he might have in his possession concerning the MUSIN SIROR shooting, and the alloged nurser which occurred in the Diego or Watismal City, which is innediately adjacent to an Diego.



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#### BUPTALO OFFICE:

At Puffalo, New Yorks A theroughly experienced agent should contact and make necessary arrangements for a preliminary interview of this present location with a view toward obtaining as much detail will furnish concerning the above mentioned matters. Details of these eases are not being immediately furnished to the Puffalo Office since it is believed that a better evaluation of the puffalo Office and it is believed that a better evaluation of the selection as an action of the selection and the second his knowledge of the matter voluntarity.

Should the Bureau or the Buffele Office feel that details on these eases should be furnished prior to this interview, they will be innediately transmitted.

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Los Angeles, California November 18, 1950

Director, FBI Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN HEREIN IS THE BEST OF THE BEST

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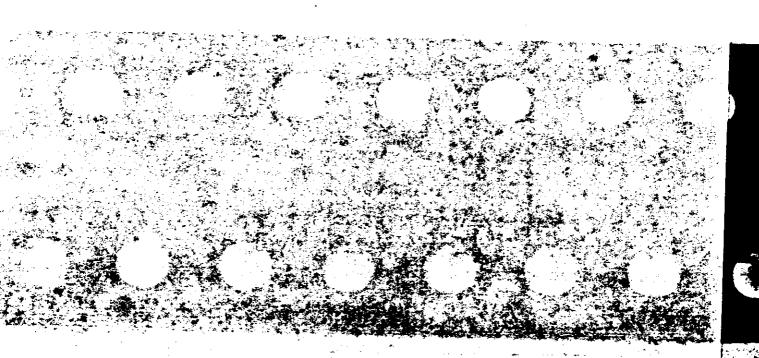
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As previously requested, it would be appreciated if the Buffalo effice would handle this matter with the utsost dispatch and advise the Bureau and Los Angeles as to the results of the preliminary interview.

May truly yours,

R. B. Hood, BAC



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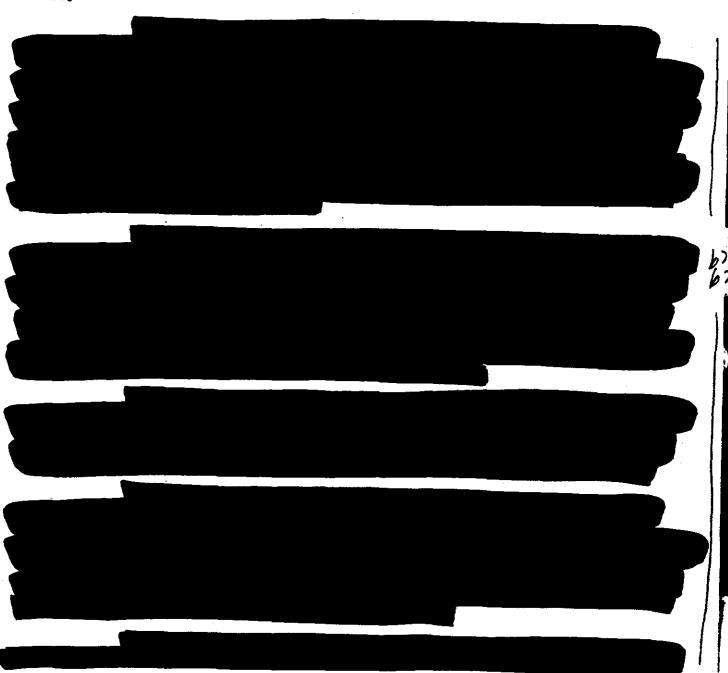
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### ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Copies of this report are being furnished to the San Diego and San Francisco Offices for information purposes since they have pending investigation there.



While the Buffalo Office is not in possession of details concerning the dates of the various murders concerning

While the interviewing Agents are not in a position to evaluate the information furnished due to the fact that details concerning these murders are not evailable at Buffelo.

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equested that the information as furnished by him not be made available indiscriminately to the Los Angeles Police Department because he believes the police department to be honeycombed with underworld collaborators. He stated that he would prefer it if this entire matter could be handled through

No leads are being set out for any investigation on the story furnished and no further interview of him will be conducted by the Buffelo Office until such time as a specific request to do so is made by the Los Angeles Office.

REFERENCE: Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 11/14/50. Bureau teletype to Buffalo dated 11/18/50.

# FLORABEL MUIR Leporting

I had lunch while I was in New York with William Bradford Hule, the new editor of the New American Mercury Which will be on the magazine stands next month, and as we sat sipping our soup at the exclusive Colony Restaurant I was trying to match up the Hule who was sitting across from me with the Hule I had heard about in connection with Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel.



In my book, "Headline Happy," I talked about a houseboy who left Siegel's mansion in Holmby Hills shortly before a raid by the U.S. Customs men, but I didn't give the name of the departed employee because I didn't know it could be told.

Huie said it could be told and as a matter of fact he is writ-

ing an article himself for his new magazine which he'll call "My Christmas With Bugsy Siegel," in which he'll reveal how he got a job as a butler with the famous underworld figure and worked at the job for three weeks.

Huie is the kind of reporter who'll do odd and daring thing to get stories, so it didn't surprise his wife, too much, when she received a letter from a Los Angeles employment agency sent to her at her home in Alabama saying that she had been given as a reference by a man who claimed to have once worked from the as a butler.

She knew at ence it was pappy out pulling off a stant, as she played her end of the game.

Huie became interested in Siegel one day while driving through Holmby Hills. He was passing the new home Benny had built, so he decided to pretend he was selling magazines are rang the back-door hell.

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The cook was a friendly soul who didn't see many people, since the Siegels didn't have many visitors.

She invited him in and gave him a sandwich. She told him the servants had all just been fired by Mrs. Siegel and that they were going to hire a new crew.

This gave Huie an idea for a plan which he promptly put into action. He went to the employment agency where Mrs. Siegel hired her servants and represented himself as a fancy butler just in from the South.

This all happened at the time Siegel was out on the high seas with the Countess Di Frasso on the famous Metha Nelson trip to the Cocos Islands. Huie got the job.

You'll have to read his own story about how he played Santa Claus for the Siegel children and waited on Mrs. Siegel's parents and other relatives from New York. It's a fabulous yarn.

"I didn't find out much about Bugsy," he told me, "because the guy was seldom home. It was just as well he wasn't perhaps. I was a little nervous when he was around."

### KISSIN' STORY ROCKS SOUTH.

Hule was the fellow who got the famous Kissing Jim Folsom story for the New York Daily News which rocked the dear old South to the cotton roots.

He was a Navy officer in the last war and has always been us to some didoes in writing and lecturing.

The New Mercury is financed by Clendenin J. Ryan, granded of the great Virginia financier and stout Southern Democrational Fortune Ryan.

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had also compared the cartridge cases in the SIEGKI, Murder with test specimens fired from the carbine located in the apartment in Chicago in 1949. He did not make a formal request for such a check but he said he merely assumed that such would have been done if the Bureau had tested both specimens from the SIEGEL killing and the gun found in the partment.

Subsequent to the interview the writer reviewed the handling of the cartridge cases involved in the SIECEL killing as described in file 62-2837, and found references to this matter in Serials 826, 829, 844 and 891, 892. The substance of the review reflects that there were nine dartridge cases found at the scene of the SIEGEL Murder. These eartridge cases were found on the ground outside of the window through which the shots were fired at SIECEL. These cartridge cases were appearently in the possession of investigating officer from the Beverly Hills Police Department. Subsequently, three of these catalogs cases were furnished to Agents of this office by who was then Chief Investigator for the Los рy who was then Chief Investigator for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, for the purpose of having the FBI Laboratory conduct examination of the cartridge This office requested the Bureau on August 27, 1947 to hold these cartridge cases pending subsequent instructions and it was suggested that the New York, Chicago, Detroit, Mismi, Salt Lake Gity, Phoenix, and San Francisco Offices be alerted by the Bureau to recover earbines of any kind for the purpose of a comparison examination with the cartridge cases found at the SIBORL Murder scene. The Burees made an exemination as reflected in their letter of October 2, 1947, Serial 844, in which they stated that the marks were not adequate for comparison purposes and requested that the six additional cartridge eases found at the scene of the murder be obtained by this office and forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison purposes. The additional six eartridge eases were obtained and forwarded to the Laboratory.

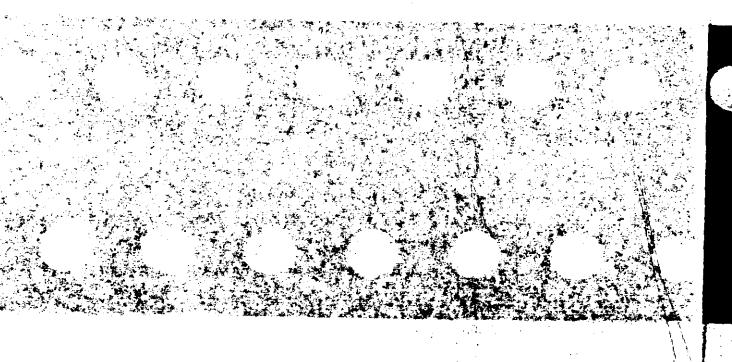
By letter dated January 21, 1948; Serial 801, the Dureeu stated that instance is no additional specimens or test cartridge cases been received for somerism withposes of the three proviously substitue, the three cartridge cases proviously substitue as the laboratory was returned to the laboratory was returned to the laboratory and returned at the District Attorney's Office on February 2, 1948 by Special Agent

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It is the writer's recollection, although there is nothing in the file to substantiate the recollection, that in connection with the cartridge cases involved in the SIEGEL Murder, they were not being properly retained by the local investigating agencies, so that they could be utilized securately as evidence in a trial. It may be that due to this laxness of local agencies the additional cartridge cases were not obtained or forwarded to the Bureau for examination because of subsequent difficulties which might arise.

A letter is being directed to the FBI Laboratory esacerning this matter inquiring whether such an examination would now be feasible and for the purpose of calling to the Bureau's attention the fact that they probably have examined test specimens from the carbine found in appartment and may not have examined the cartridge cases in that instance with those found at the SIEGEL murder.



BAC, Los Angeles

BENJAMIN (BUCSY) SIEGEL.
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Remylet 8/1/51 to the Bureau, copy to Chicago and Bureau reply dated 8/10/51, a copy of which was forwarded to Chicago.

It is requested that a search be made of the Chicago Office files concerning any contact between your office and the Chicago PD regarding a .30 caliber carbine, Serial No. 586549, which was recovered by in connection with a search of a residence occupied by

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It is noted the Bureau Laborabory advised in a letter of 8/10/51 that this carbine has never been submitted to the Laboratory for examination

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of the .30 caliber carbine recovered as above described and compared it with the cartridge cases found at the some of the SISSET surder. It appears that this is an erroneous assumption and this office desired to bring the correct status of the matter to the attention of

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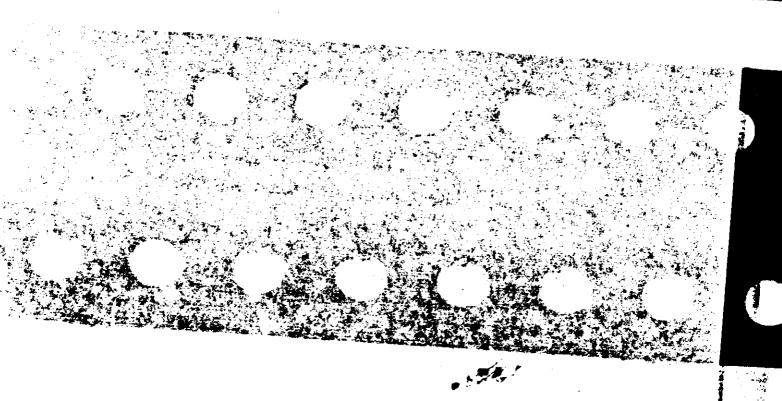
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

SAC, LOS ANGELES DATE: October 19, 1951 SAC, CHICAGO BENJAMIN (BUGSY) SIEGEL MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING L GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE Reurlet dated September 25, 1951. - 62-2837-46 The .30 calibre carbine, Serial #586549, which is the subject of referenced letter, was recovered from the residence of It was described as a U. S. Carbine Calibre 30, Ml, Serial No. 586459, manufactured by Inland Division, Rock-Ola. It was turned over to the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as evidence This gun was at no time submitted to ballistic tests by the the-must Re-982 62-3752 cc: 15-4434 OCT 22 1951 FBI - LOS ANGELES

The gun is still in the possession and if ballistic tests are desired, the gun is still available.



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TO ; SAC

DATE: 10-24-51

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BENJAMIN (BUGSI) SIEGEL, Miscellaneous

Remylet 9-25-51 (62-2837-968) to Chicago and reply 10-19-51.

Investigation in the UFAP-MURBER CASE AGAINST developed that he was a subject in a Bureau case at Chicago entitled
Fugitive, FFIS, Illegal Possession of Covernment Property, in 1949

In searching his apartment they found a loaded 30 caliber carbine, SN 586459, which was turned over to the Chicago FBI office. Federal complaint against was dismissed at Chicago on 4-1-50. There was no identification at that time as being identical with Thus there was no reason to have test specimen fired from the carbine. was a suspect in the SIEGEL murder, which took place in 1947.

As stated in prior memos of the writer, through conversation with it was learned that he thought the FBI laboratory had checked the gun goundin apartment in Chicago against the cartridge cases found at the scene of the SIEGEL murder. The writer did not think that was correct and the ensuing correspondence with the FBI laboratory and Chicago took place.

On 10-24-51 the writer talked to and told him that the FBI
Laboratory has never tested the carbine found apastment in Chicago.

He said he thought he had learned recently that his prior impression was incorrect and that some such test has now been made. He phoned and asked him if the carbine above mentioned had been checked out on the Siegel case. It told him that fired test specimen from the carbine, which specimens had been checked by some ballistics laboratory and they were not similar to those found at the Siegel murder scene. He told that he considers the Siegel murder solved through the recent murders of TONY BRANCATO and TONY TROMBINO in Los Angeles.

No further action need be taken on the carbine at Chicago.

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His confessions reportedly have His confessions reportedly have caused authorities to reopen investigation of the unsolved gangland murder of Bugay Riegel in Los Angeles two years ago. Tampa police chief M. C. Beastley, who came here two weeks to question Hooker, refused the convinct on the convict's story

o comment on the convict's stor until he could check the detail

with the actual records.

I.a. Mia was cut down by two
hotgun blasts fired from a parked car while talking to two business acquaintances in downtown Tampa. In his confession, Hooker said
La Min was "executed" because
the was attempting to withdraw
from a gambling group.
He identified the Florida gang
as "a branch of the Charles

(Lucky) Luciano national gam-

bling syndicate."

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## See link to Bugsy slaying

Continued from Page I The convict said it was a Chev- following ye rolet sedan, while eye witnesses Records a identified the fleeing auto as a Mercury.

The other three murders, the convict was reported to have said, occurred prior to the "execution" of La Mia in Tampa. He was acquitted of these on the grounds of self defense, Hooker told his

questioners.

The Canon City police chief said
Hooker's "story sounds good and appears logical." However, the Tampa police head withheld comment pending further investigation.

Hooker was simitted to the Colorado state prison on Peb. 9, 1951, and then was a dope ad-dict. He has since been cured of the habit.

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His police record dates back to 1929. It includes arrests and convictions. In February 1933, he was sentenced to a federal prison from Atlanta, Ga., to 1-to-15 years for car thef and second-dgree murder. He served until January 1941 at Alcatrag.

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BUGSY SIECKL INFORMATION CONCERNING

the following information concerning the murder of BUGSY SIEGEL in los Angeles, Calif.

The informant stated that in his opinion it would be practically impossible to break the case unless the syndicate operating in Los Angeles would begin feuding with the Las Vegas sheriff's syndicate to a degree that someone would talk.

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To SAC, Los Angeles
Re BUGSY SIEGEL - INFO CONCERNING
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The above is being furnished for whatever value it may be and in the event that the Los Angeles office is aware of the facts concerning this murder and they are as set out by the informant, it is desired that the Portland office be advised in order to check the reliability of this informant.

SAC, PORTLAND

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At the time SIEGEL was building the Flamingo Hotel, an inquiry was under way by the Los Angeles and Salt Lake City of SIEGEL. In that investigation no information was located to SIEGEL.

Perhaps two prothers were involved in the killing of SIEGEL.

6/6/51 in gangland style at Los Angeles, with ANTHONY P. TROMBINO.

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but is repeating material he has placed up in conversations, probably magnifed by news articles, domperning the marder of

information concerning it is of interest to this office, as a matter of general investigative intelligence. If the Portland office is able to develop additional data concerning the crime, please forward the information to this effice.

## Office Memorandum. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 1-29-54

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SUBJECT:

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At 9:00 AM, 1-29-54, of the "Angeles Mirror" telephoned and furnished the following of the "Los information which he had just received from Syracuse, New

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rurnished by telephone to Criminal Supervisor

1-29-54 refused to be interviewed as killed by rifle - not shots

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# Siegel's f Estate Only \$35,608.96

LAS VEGAS. OP The onetime reported multi-million dollar gambling empire of the late Benjamin (Bugsy) Stegel worth less than \$15,000 each to his two daughters, a final deport on his estate in court here disclosed.

Today, Siegel's brother, Maurice, administrator of the state, will go before district udge at 3. Henderson to ask that the estate be closed. On land for the heirs and for legal sees, the administrator said, is \$35,608.96.

BOLE HEIRS are Siegel's two daughters, Barbara Baperstein, of Detroit, and Millicent Rosen of Scarsdale, N.Y. The underworld figure's ex-wife Estelle Siegel, has released all claims against the estate for a gayment of \$30,000, the administrator said.

The \$30,000 was in settlement for a claim of \$817,838 filed against the estate by Mrs. Siegel based on her alimony of \$500 a week for a life expectancy of 40 years. The Siegels were divorced in Las Vegas in August 1946—10 months beare bullets cut him down in the Severly Hills mansion of its girl friend, Virginia Hill, June 10, 1947.

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singular interest in the sace wire syndicate he stablished never showed up as a part of the estate. Shares in two Las Vegas race looks proved liabilities rather than assets, as his partners lodged claims against the estate for notes signed by Siegel.

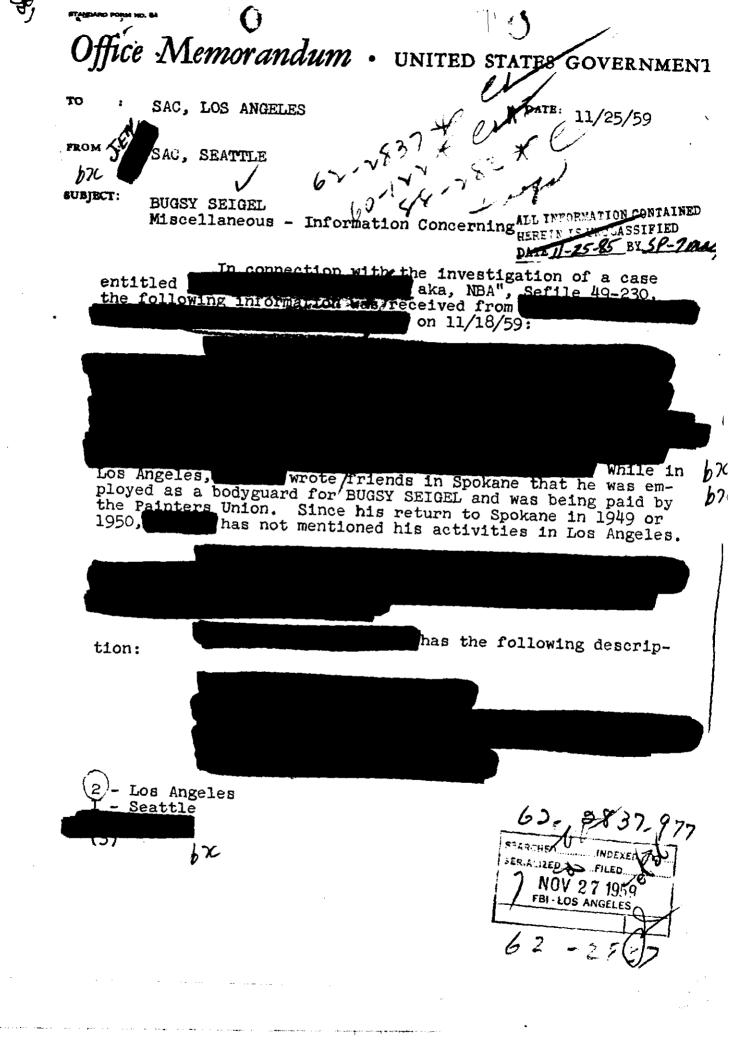
Appraised value of Riegel's

Appraised value of Siegel's \$20 shares of the Nevada Projects Corps., which built she \$5,000,000 Flamingo Hotel in 1946, was nothing. Claims of Siegel against the corporation, were appraised at \$97,000.

Out of this came the \$30,000 for Mrs. Siegel and \$22,059 blus interest, to satisfy a lien of the Bureau of Internal Revenue against the gambler. Other creditors claims in milior amounts diminished the estate to the \$35,608 total, and Maurice Siegel will ask court permission to pay two Las Tegas law firms \$5700 of this.

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# Sullivan in Role of Bugsy Siegel



- BARRY SULLIVAN

Seems all the "gentlehen" of the underworld
are getting an airing in
motion pictures. The
latest is "Bugsy" Siegel,
gang lord, who was mysteriously slain in 1947,
in the heart of Beverly
Hills. His murder was
never officially solved—
although the script
writer may decide to
come up with an ending
identifying his slayer.
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Under the title of "Two Faces of Bugsy Siegel," Barry Sullivan will emote as the handsome gangster who tried his best to fraternize with the Hollywood celebs. Bugsy loved celebrities more than illicit profits. Irwin Gielgud and his wife, Gwen, officers of the Repertoire Company, are writing the story (Sullivan is also an executive).

I always think of poor Countess di Frasso every time I hear Bugsy's name. When her friends begged Dorothy not to see him she said, "I don't know any Bugsy Siegel. His name is Benjamin." So one of her intimates got a book, "The Gangsters of New York," and showed her the front and profile of the good looking underworld charmer.

Louella O. Parsons Column
L A Examiner
2/4/1960

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SAC, Los Angeles DATE: March 31, 1960 SAC, Detroit (92-214) brc SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING bro 626 two others had killed BUGSY SEIGHT to los Arreles several vears ago. ne denied saying it. No further information is available at this time. No investigation is being made and this information is being furnished the Los Angeles Division for whatever value it may be. bic 🔾 - Los Angeles ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN ISSUE BY 56-7 Mu / DA Detroit - 11000 FBI - LOS ANGELES

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## Beverly Hills Is My Beat'

Today in his biography Chief Anderson tells the inside ecory of the gangland killing of Bugsy Siegel, in a Beverly Hills mansion. He calls it "a perfectly staged execution" with every prep and every actor in place at the proper splitpecend.

## By <u>Clinton Anderson</u>

Chief, Beverly Hills Police Department

## Chapter IX

At the end of the war, Las Vegas attracted Siegel away from Hollywood and into new ventures which eventually led to his death. He decided to build the biggest and best gambling casino in the United States, financing it with crime syndicate money put up by his eastern pals, and to expand his "bootleg" racing wire service to take over the business in the western part of the country.

He launched construction of his big casino when materials were scarce and costs soaring. He had originally planned a \$2 million investment, but found the place costing \$6 million, and running in the red. He put the squeeze on his other activities for funds, particularly the racing wire service.

After the gangland murder in 1946 of James M. Ragen, general manager in Chicago of the Trans America News lervice in which Siegel had a controlling interest, he became western representative of the wire and attempted to force the bookies to take his service at a premium.

## Siegel's Hoodlum Friends Unhappy

As Siegel went deeper into debt, word got around

that his crime syndicate pals were unhappy. Six months before his killing I called him to police headquarters and reminded him pointedly that I did not want him causing any unpleasant happenings in Bev-Fly Hills. His answer was that there was no need to worry because he was spending most of his time in Las Vegas.

While I was in New York a few months later on police business. I picked up the information that Siegel had een in the city for a meeting with the men who controlled the syndicate money, and had left in haste. His hotel was reportedly \$3 million in the red, and Siegel had told friends he had to raise \$1.500,000 in 80 days to pull it out of the hote. out of the hole.

His number was up, I did not know it at the time but Beverly Hills had already been chosen as the spot

for his execution.

Three months before the killing his fed haired girl friend, Virginia Hill, had rented a handsome 16-room home on N. Linden dr., which was owned by Juan Romero, former manager of Milliolph Valentino. Bugny had a gold key to the front door, kept some of his clothes and a 38 caliber automatic in the house on his one or two-day business wips

o p. m. to the mions, Charles Hill, 21 year-old

The foursome drove to Ocean Park for a trout dinner and returned home at 18:15 p. m. and Siegel and Smiley went into the fiving room and sat side by side on the davenport to read early editions of the Los Angeles morning newspapers.

At 10:45 p. m. a series of shots crashed through the aving room window. Smiley dived to the floor unharmed, but Siegel did not move. He had been killed almost intantly by two bullets which struck him in the head. Two other bullets had lodged in his body. He lay back on the davenport, his hands resting in his lap, with a newspaper between his grotesquely sprawled legs.

### Execution Perfectly Staged

Nine shells were found in the driveway of the house mext door. The killer had rested his high-caliber rifle in a fatticed pergola a dozen feet from where Siegel and Smiley sat.

On the day Siegel was killed I was in New York City picking up a criminal who was involved in a \$150,000 jewel robbery of a society matron. Only a few hours be-fore the murder my prisoner staunchly maintained his innocence, using Siegel as his alibi. He swore that Bugsy had seen him at the Flamingo in Las Vegas on the day the Beverly Hills holdup was committed.

Bugsy Siegel's killing was a perfectly staged gangland execution, with all the details worked out in advance.

Somebody knew that Siegel would be in Beverly Hills on this one day, and that he would be at Virginia Hill's home, and when. Somehow the heavy draperies over the hving-room window had been left open to give the killer a view of the room.

The shooting was timed to occur when a police patrol probably would not be near. It had to be done quickly because police cars were in the vicinity every 30 minutes. The gunman at the window was hidden from the street by shrubbery, and the getaway car cruised the area until the appointed time, since a parked car might have drawn suspicion. ...

## Siegel Case Never 'Cracked' 🦠

We spent many man-hours investigating the Siegel case and were convinced that he was killed by his own associates, but there was never sufficient evidence to pinpoint the identity of the assassing in court. I felt it was significant that Moe Sedway, a man with a police record, walked into the Flamingo to take over the operation for

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Beverly Hills is My Beat

# Siegel's Gangland Actions Recalled

(From Second Pront Page)

the syndicate one hour after Siegel's death, 300 miles away.

I picked up Sedway for questioning and released him with word that I wanted to see him on the following day. However, he was suddenly removed to a Hollywood hospital for treatment for a heart condition.

I found him there next day lying in bed behind a door marked "No Admittance—Oxygen!" I stepped in and talked briefly to Sedway, and left with word that I would return in the morning.

But when morning came I discovered that the sick man had been put on a train and whisked off to Las Vegas, where he stayed until his death a short time later. I have always felt that Moe Sedway had the information I wanted, but he wouldn't talk.

About this time several newspaper articles mentioned that I was investigating Las Vegas angles in the Siegel killing, a fact which annoyed the then chief of police of the Nevada city. He announced in a newscast that if he caught me in his city with a gun he would lock me up in jail, but his threat did not hinder our investigation.

Later, the new operators of the Flamingo had a bitter battle, and one of them left the city in haste, under threat of death. I interrogated this man on his arrival in Beverly Hills, but he was reluctant to talk, fearing gangland retaliation.

e When I attempted to obtain more details on the fight in Las Vegas, I found that the district attorney there vas also the attorney for one of the combatants, a rather unusual situation.

Siegel was killed because he would not comply with the wishes of his associates who had invested millions in the Flamingo. My investigation tied him in with mobs in other cities and with international narcotics operators. I came across the trail of half a dozen other murders which were traceable to gangster and gambling connec-

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A short time before this was written, a decimal Vegas sambler, who had operated the Flamingo c after Slegel's death, and his wife were mystariously dered in their home in Phoenix, Arix. On the surfu did not appear to be a gangland killing, because Greenbaum and his wife were found with their the lit. But killers have been known to use unusual metito avert suspicion from "the mob," and at close ran knife is as effective as a gun.

We did not see Virginia Aili in Beverly Hills is Siegel was executed in her rented home. She was a lioned about the killing in Paris, but denied all knows of it and said she couldn't think of anybody night want to do in Siegel. When last heard from linia was spending most of her time in Mexico.

The fun-loving Countess di Frasso, who spons he mobster's debut in Hollywood social circles, die ramatically as she had lived. The countess, age ears, suffered a fatal heart attack on a train as she sturning to Los Angeles after a gay New Year's celes on in Las Vegas in January 1954.

Clifton Webb, the actor, found her lying in her I han bedroom fully dressed, covered with a full-len link coat, wearing a \$175,000 diamond necklace, ith \$100,000 worth of pearls and emeralds in her lugg

Friends said she always carried her jewelry with erywhere.

TOMORROW—Chief Anderson tells how Greta G of fled her mansion home to call the police. DIRECTOR, DEI

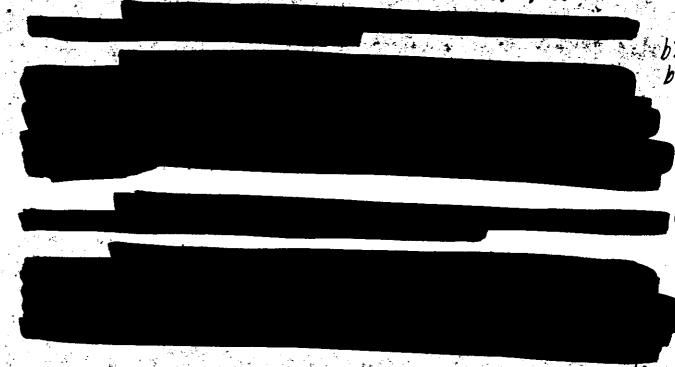
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# Kin of Bugsie Segal's Girl Faces Perjury

The sensational rubout hearing before Judge Hol-murder of racketeer Bugsie land. murder of racketeer Bugsie land.

Segal in Beverly Hills 15 years According to Deputy Dist.

Atty. Richard Caballero, Victoria filed charges against Ferguson, a guest in her home, accusing him of purinial Hill, was arraigned on had in a bureau drawer.

She recanted at Ferguson's

ginia Hill, was arraigned a perjury charge.

Appearing in court was Victoria Hill, 24, charged with switching her testimony during the trial of Paul Ferguson, 36, a chef, whom she had accused of rifling her home of \$500 last May 21. Ferguson window of his Beverly Hills mansion. Victoria's sister-in-law, in the house when the son, 36. a chef, whom she had killed when trigger men fired accused of rifling her home of \$500 last May 21. Ferguson was acquitted last May 21.

Mrs. Hill, who is suing Virginia's brother, Charles, for divorte, flew here from San cylebrity as the result of the Franc'sco for the preliminary riurder investigation.



ARRAIGNED ON PLEATER CHARGE Victoria Hill, 24, Sister-in-Law of Buggsy Siege's Girl Friend, Accused of Switching Testimony

Los Angeles derald-

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Los Angeles Division

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March 8. 1965

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

DATE 10/3/85 BY SP-9 MAC/DB

Thanks so much for the memo on Buggsy Siegel.

In the course of my research I have come across two items in which you were involved, and I would be grateful if you can tell me whether they are true.

Early in 1947, before Siegel was killed.

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The second item, in September 1947, quotes a speech you made to the National Police Academy, in which you referred to Siegel as "scum", and said such people could not exist if they were not glamorized. It is true, of course, that Siegel would not have been what he was without the help of such prominent Hollywood names as George Raft, Cary Grant, Dorothy DiFrasso, Gary Cooper and many others. Even Raft admitted as much to me.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington D.C.

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March 15, 1965 62-0-45270/A Your letter of March 8, 1968, concerning Bugsy Blegel has been received, and I am enclosing a copy of my remarks before the Associates of the FBI National Academy on September 29, 1947, containing the statement to which you refer.

Lhave no recollection of ever contacting concerning his association with Siegel, nor is it my policy to issue warnings of this type.

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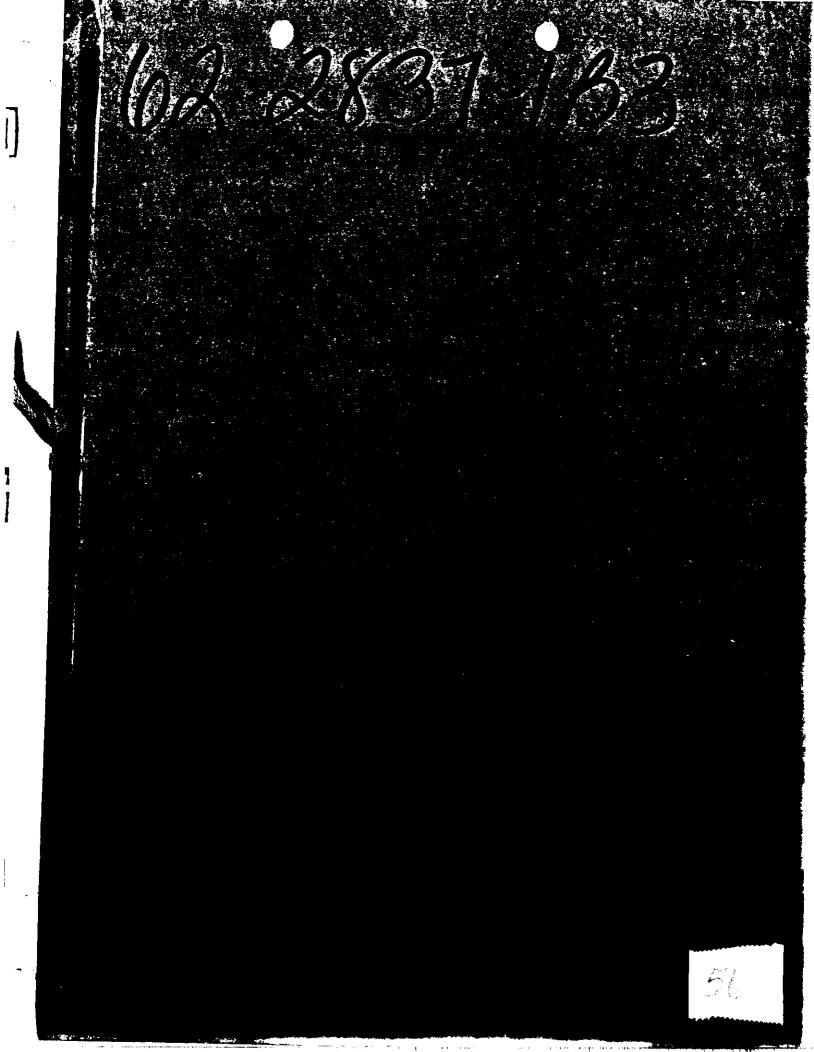
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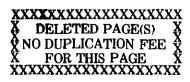
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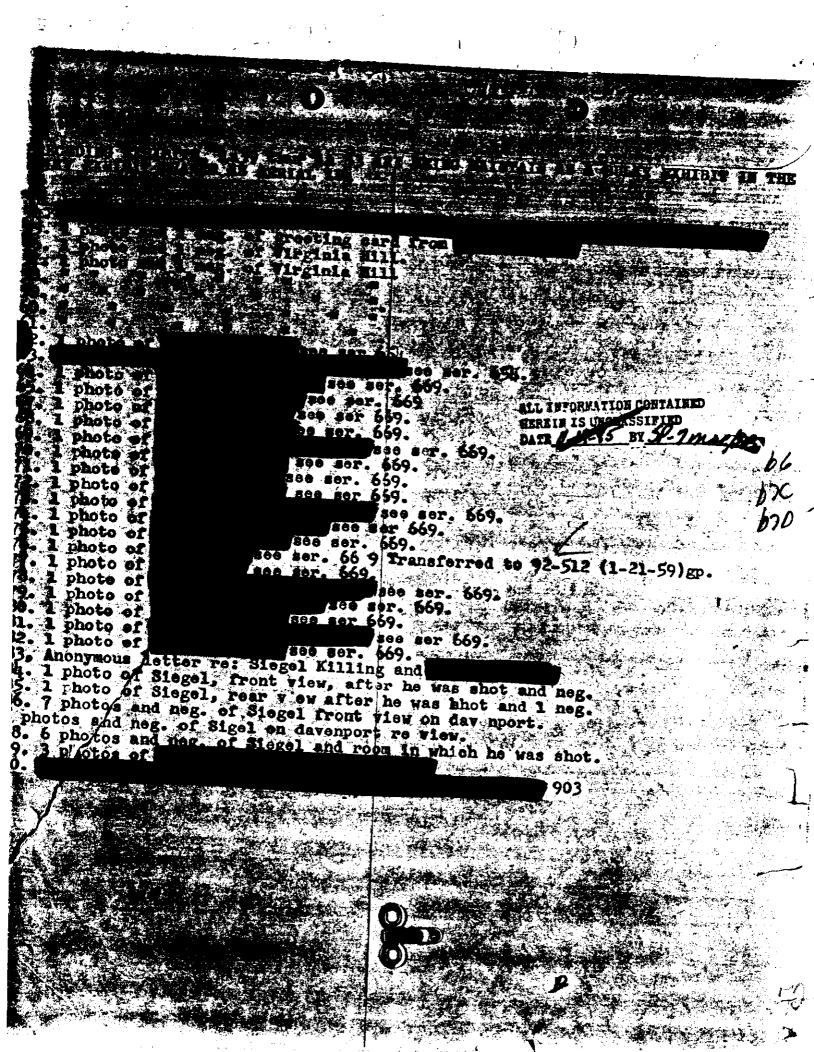


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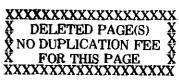
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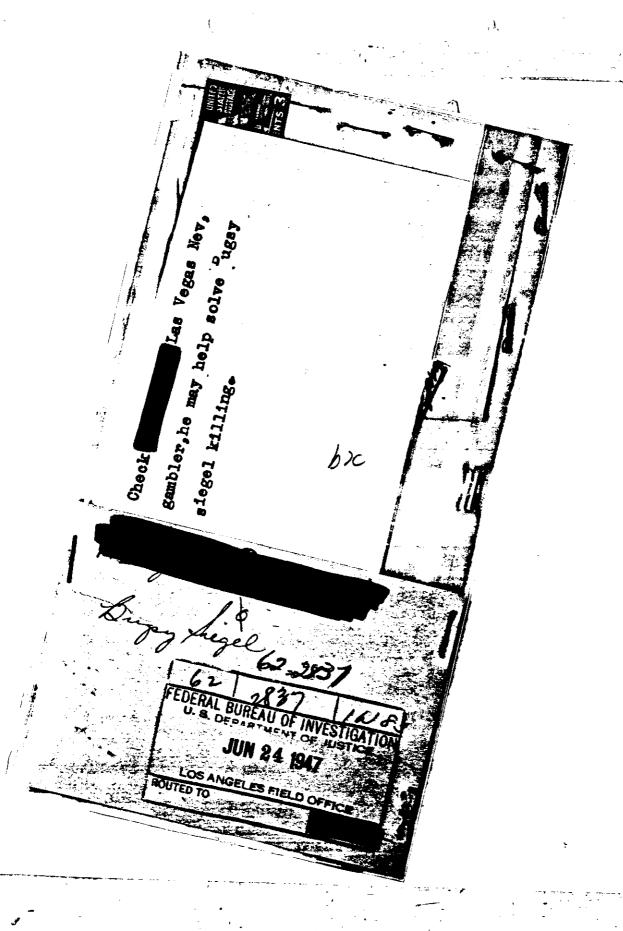
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Ro: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIBGEL
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At 5 p.m. on August 9, 1946 BEN SIEGEL called MOE SEDWAY at the Hollywood-Rocsevelt Hotel. During the conversation the following conversation took place, which apparently has to do with a pay-off to the Sheriff at Las Vegas and also the County Commissioners there in connection with the granting of a liquor and gambling license to the Flamingo Hotel:

SIEGEL:

Did you get that money from the places, like I told you?

SEDWAY:

The What?

SIEGEL:

The money?

SEDWAY:

From where?

SIEGEL:

From the place where we made up you were to get it from.....

Hello?

SEDWAY:

Yeah.

SIEGEL:

Do you know what I'm talking about Moey?

SEDWAY:

No, I don't.

SIEGEL:

Well, what did you and I discuss about getting some money?

SEDWAY:

Getting some money from what?

SIEGEL:

Well, what did we discuss about you getting it for?

SEDWAY:

I don't remember, just tell me.

SIEGEL: You have such a wonderful memory. I only discussed one thing about getting some money with you for you to give some people. Don't you know where you are supposed to get it from?

SEDWAY:

The four thousand?

SIEGEL:

Four thousand? Am I getting the four thousand, MOEY?

SEDWAY:

Huh?

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SIEGEL: Well, what is the four thousand got to do with giving money to some people?

SEDWAY:

Oh, you mean! I know what you mean.

SIEGEL:

Did you get it?

SEDWAY:

No, I don't get it.

don't want to give no money.

BIEGEL:

Why don't he want to give?

SEDWAY: Because he don't want to give. He says he don't have to give no commissioners any money. He don't want to give any money. So, we'll have to get it ourselves. So, I talked to the other persons and they want to take care of

SIEGEL: I took care of the You never told me any different. So, I took care of the other day when I was up there.

SEDWAY:

O.K. When we get together we'll take care of it.

SIEGEL: All right. There is nothing to discuss, we'll just take out what we talked about. We got nothing to ask him. Who the House is he? I just want you to know. Don't give nobody anything.

SEDWAY:

Did you tell then?

SIEGEL:

Yeah. I'll tell you about it when I see you.

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Los Angeles, California August 28, 1946

MEMO FOR MR. OSTHOLTHOFF:

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The following information was obtained from confidential informant

called BEN at 11:34 AM. BEN was out and left message to have B call him, very important.

At 11:41 BEN called

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B. Yeah!

B. Yeah.

B. From where?

B. Yeah. OK. Just let them--ah--whose up there?

B. Then he can show them --

B. OK. Let em bring--

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B. Ed?

B. Yeah.

B. Where are you going to be--?

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B. I am going to stop at Aunt Bessie's at 2:30--you want to pick me up there and I will go out with you--

B. OK.



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On August 29 at 1:26 P.M. MEYER LANSKY called SIEGEL from New York City.

BEN SIEGEL talks to unknown individual first (general conversation) re how they are feeling. Then MEYER LANSKY talks:

L. Hello;

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- B. How are you?
- L. Fine, how are you?
- B. Not so good!
- L. Huh?
- B. Not so good!
- L. What's the matter?
- B. I am having headaches again with these B
- L. What did you say?
- B. Having headaches again. I am having headaches again.
- L. What's the matter now?
- B. Well, you know, you get somebody that keeps putting in the "zingers" against you and uh, and we've got a government that's got nothing else to do but spend the government's money listening to all kinds of "zingers".
- L. Uh-huh.
- B. Yeah. Listen --
- L. Yeah.
- B. Listen--do you want to tell me something?
- L. Sure. I called you to say hello.
- B. Oh-oh.
- L. Wanted to know how you were--

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- B. Because if you want to tell me something, I don't want to talk to you-
- L. No.

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- B. Uh-well you know the last time we got our official O K--the stock holders (?) I reported you you know !-
- L. Yeah. Yeah.
- ·B. That uh -- September 5th now, they are starting again. They have got people up there taking pictures, this, that -- and just looking to give us headaches. And I guess we will have another hearing September 5th.
- L. Uh-huh--
- B. And they-well--don't know--
- L. Think you can sell it -- as it stands now?
- B. No--C, whose going to buy with a headache?
- L. Well, maybe some other people --would feel they wouldn't have it --
- B. I would get out right now and take a loss if that— I never saw—— all the government is —— you are interested to try to do something —— you go out and break your head-something that's 100% legitimate—— and all you do is get headaches from them. They want you to lose your money I guess.
- L. That's happened in other cases.
- B. Yeah--we were just talking about it today. For C sake--get out and take a \$50,000 loss and getthe H out of there.
- L. Well, I mean uh -- has anything like that come up?
- B. No--
- L. Nothing --huh--
- B. No.
- L. Uh -- did you sell that other '15' yet?
- B. No -- cause we had another idea --
- L. No--because-- you see--uh-- we were-- we may find someone-- I was wondering whether we could sell it to them all---
- B. Well allright -- see if you could.
- L. OK. Then I will be in touch with you.
- B. Allright. I'll tell you what to do--

- L. Where are you at?
- B. What?
- L. You home with your sister now ?
- B. I'm sitting outside with
- L. Your sister's house-- .
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- B. Yeah.
- L. Yeah--
- B. Here's what you do-
- L. and B. talk regarding B. calling L. tomorrow (August 50th).
- B. I'll call you at Cousin George's tomorrow sometime -- hang around there from about -uh--
- L. No. That's no good----
- B. Allright.
- L. I will tell you where you call me--
- B. Don't tell me, I'll tell you--

Then they decide that B. is to call L. at Cousin Dan's (a restaurant) at 1 o'clock New York time on August 30th.

B. Because I want to talk to you about something-

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Ro: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY

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On September 30, 1946 at 2:51 p.m reported that BEN SIEGEL called and the following conversation took place:

SIEGEL: Hi boss, was that all right? ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCL

SIEGEL:

What happened?

SIEGEL:

So far we have another headache, so I don't know if I'll use it tomorrow.

SIEGEL:

Yeah. I don't know who is giving us the headaches, but I got to... I just spoke to back East. represents him. I told him to go see him, find out what the h it's about. He represents us too in matters sometime. So T'II hold that up.

SIEGEL: No, never showed up, never called. I called at the hotel. I left a message, never heard from him.

SIEGEL: What?

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MEMO, SAC:

October 1, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

SIEGEL:

Him?

SIEGEL:

Well, I thought maybe something happened like with I called him downtown, they said he would not be in for the day. I can't imagine. I called his house. He was in bed, you know. I said I was so anxious to get this thing.

SIEGEL:

I took care of when I was over there.

SIEGEL:

I'll call you tomorrow from there. You going to be in the office tomorrow?

SIEGEL:

All right. Then you let me know if that the howed up. Because otherwise, if I want to put it through I'LL tell you where you can get me.

SIEGEL:

Call me after you get You know what I mean?

SIEGEL:

Natch, I.... What can it be, a few balances, he don't pay, we'll pat it. Ask him if he can go ten?

SIEGEL:

Yeah. Did you see the litter that?

SIEGEL:

I'll tell you. See today. See if he'll give you that and you can take it down and then get the same thing tomorrow.

MEMO, SAC:

October 1, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

SIEGEL: Well you got all day today.

SIEGEL: Call him at home and if you don't get him. The other guy you don't see, you just take that five anyhow and put it in, you know what I mean?

SIEGEL: I'll talk to you tomorrow sometime. I'll put in a person to person tomorrow. If you didn't get it, I'm putting the check through it will be in the following day. So I'll tell you whether....

SIEGEL: When I'll come back and give the check myself.

SIEGEL: Well, I think so. I don't know. If they are going to start,
I'm going to forget about the whole G.D. thing.

SIEGEL: Yeah. Let's don't talk about it.

SIEGEL: I'll talk to you tomorrow. You get that from

SIEGEL: The balance is on the books we can pay it in a month.

SIEGEL: O.K.

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